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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

DARSHAN SINGH,

Plaintiff,

v.

EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director,  
 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;  
 EMILIA BARDINI, Director,  
 San Francisco Asylum Office, USCIS,

Defendants.

No. C 07-4824 MHP

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE  
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR  
 PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <[www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov)>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to Plaintiff's request that this Court compel Defendants to adjudicate the application for asylum. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources.

Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the

1 ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone  
2 conference and any further formal ADR process.

3 Dated: March 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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6 /s/  
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10 Dated: March 10, 2008

11 /s/  
12 DAVID J. KAUFMAN  
13 Attorney for Plaintiff

14 **ORDER**

15 Pursuant to stipulation and to ADR L. R. 3-3(c), the parties are hereby removed from the ADR  
16 Multi-Option Program and are excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any  
17 further formal ADR process.

18 **SO ORDERED.**

19 Dated:

20 MARILYN HALL PATEL  
21 United States District Judge  
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